

**2022-2023 Qualified Allocation Plan Public Hearing, Additional Information and 2020 Consolidated RFP Signatures**

Thank you to all who have submitted comments on the 2022-2023 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), announced on [June 10, 2020](#). We are reviewing all comments and will consider them in our review. Please continue to submit comments and questions through **5:00 p.m. CST on July 22**. Based on comments submitted thus far, please see below for additional information regarding the proposed changes to High Priority Homeless and Green Communities.

**Public Hearing: Tuesday, July 14**

We will hold a public hearing about the 2022-2023 QAP on **Tuesday, July 14, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST**. The hearing will take place via conference call. Dial-In toll-free number: 1.888.742.5095, Conference Code: 603-415-8008.

If you plan to speak at the hearing, please email [HTC.MHFA@state.mn.us](mailto:HTC.MHFA@state.mn.us) by noon CST on **Monday, July 13**. You will be allowed five minutes to speak at the hearing.

If you plan to attend the public hearing, please email [HTC.MHFA@state.mn.us](mailto:HTC.MHFA@state.mn.us). You are not required to pre-register, but it helps us plan better for the call.

**High Priority Homeless (HPH) Proposed Change**

The proposed QAP includes a recommended prioritization process for filling an HPH unit(s) with the next highest need household when there is not an eligible household on the Coordinated Entry waitlist for supportive housing. The proposed change is included in the HPH Performance Requirement Relief Provisions on pages 47-48 of the proposed QAP. The process is outlined in our [proposed occupancy guidance](#) that will be added to the [Supportive Housing Information and Resources publication](#) as follows:

In the unique event that a HPH unit is unable to be filled with the highest priority household on the permanent supportive housing waitlist in the Coordinated Entry system, the owner must request approval in writing from Minnesota Housing and work with the Coordinated Entry provider to determine the next highest need household for the unit following the prioritization process outlined below, or as otherwise approved by Minnesota Housing:

- The next qualified household on the Coordinated Entry waitlist for any housing type;
- A person that is ready to be discharged from an institution of care or criminal justice, but has not secured housing. Every effort should be made to outreach to county human services and institutions (including residential treatment, hospitals, foster care, jails and prison, etc.) to reach eligible individuals/households.
- A household that is living in a doubled-up situation defined as homeless (see Definitions Chapter 2) but is not included in the Coordinated Entry system based on local CE policy.
- A household with a housing choice voucher on housing search and unable to secure housing.
- A household at high risk of long-term homelessness (see Definitions Chapter 2)

This process should proceed quickly and in good faith by all parties to fill the unit within 60 days of vacancy. Services and rental assistance should be provided /available as needed to assist the household to maintain housing (depending on funding sources and eligibility).

**Enterprise Green Communities Update**

Minnesota Housing anticipates releasing a draft 2021 Minnesota Overlay in late fall 2020 to the new national 2020 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria, which was released by Enterprise in January 2020. Currently, Minnesota Housing is working with members of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) made up of external participants including Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Raters, developers, general contractors, architects, professional engineers, other state agency staff, and other subject matter experts to develop the 2021 Minnesota Overlay.

Minnesota Housing anticipates adopting the new national Enterprise Green Communities Criteria baseline for optional points criteria, which is 40 optional points for new construction and 35 optional points for rehabilitation. In addition, some of the national mandatory criteria will be optional and new criteria involving electric vehicle charging will be added. There will also be additional optional points offered for some of the optional criteria to provide additional incentive to comply. To learn more, review the new national [2020 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria](#).

**Application Signatures for the 2020 Multifamily Consolidated Request for Proposals**

Applicants must sign, scan and upload a copy of all application materials that require signature. If applicants do not have access to scanners they may use the following alternative options:

- **DocuSign:** If applicants have and wish to use their account to submit signatures to Minnesota Housing.
- **Photo/scanned image from phone:** Applicants may sign documents and upload photos of the signature pages into the Multifamily Customer Portal.
- **Printed originals:** Applicants may print, sign and mail signature pages. Mailed copies **must be postmarked by the application deadline of July 16**. Mailed copies should be sent to:

Minnesota Housing  
Attn: Multifamily RFP Application Documents  
400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400  
St. Paul, MN 55102

**Note:** Applications materials **do not** need to be notarized for the 2020 RFP/2021 HTC Round 1.

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